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1. From 1 to 10 December 1950, the Flak Kaserne on Ettersburgerstrasse, Weimar (M 51/J 57), quartered about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 150 soldiers were drilling in the barracks yard, both with and without rifles during the morning hours on 2, 5, and 9 December. Other soldiers practiced with three 76.2-mm guns farther to the rear of the installation.

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Truck moved into the billeting area on 5 December, carrying seven soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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Four 76.2-mm AA guns were still in well-camouflaged emplacements on Ettersberg.

2. The eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne, consisting of four barracks buildings, one mess building, and several garages, was occupied by 100 to 120 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed. Only six windows on the street front were lighted at dusk. The central section of the Tannenberg Kaserne, consisting of three barracks buildings, one mess building, and several garages, was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with motor transport insignia. No regular training activity was observed. Up to 40 motor vehicles were parked in the yard, others in the garages. The unit stationed there furnished motor vehicles to other units at the post.

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The eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied by Volkspolizei.

3. The eastern section of the Luetzendorff Kaserne, consisting of three barracks buildings, one mess building, and several garages, was still occupied by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. From 100 to 120 soldiers were seen drilling in the billeting area on 2, 5 and 9 December.

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The emplacements near the gasworks were improved up to 5 December. Six emplacements contained guns which were covered with canvas and protected

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by camouflage nets. The shelter for the gun crews could accommodate an estimated 60 soldiers. The central section of the Luetzendorff Kaserne, containing two barracks buildings, one mess building, and garages, quartered about 750 soldiers who wore black epaulets with signal insignia. Some of the M had closely cropped hair. On 2 December, 40 soldiers practiced marching while 30 to 40 soldiers were engaged in aiming practice.

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Truck [ ] left the installation on 5 December, carrying six soldiers. On 9 December, 40 soldiers were seen at rifle drill in the barracks yard while about 80 soldiers marched toward the Luetzendorff Estate, carrying rifles and submachine guns. Groups of from 5 to 10 men with telephone equipment appeared to be holding a telephone exercise in the Bittersberg area on 9 December. Truck [ ] occupied by two soldiers with black epaulets, stood in a patch of woods in that area. The western section of the Luetzendorff Kaserne consisted of six barracks buildings, one mess building and several garages. A hospital was still located there and some of the billets were still occupied by officers. However, dependents were no longer seen in the billeting area. The garages were cleared of PX merchandise by about 30 soldiers on 9 December.

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4. The Mueller Kaserne on Leibnizstrasse and Duernerstrasse still quartered about 400 soldiers wearing black epaulets, some with signal insignia. Radio truck [ ] with a generator unit was still parked in the billeting area. Truck [ ] entered the installation on 1 December, carrying two officers, nine M with black-bordered black epaulets, and signal equipment. Groups of from 12 to 25 men, engaged in infantry and telephone training, [ ] were observed in the Weibicht Forest. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, stood at the side gate on Duernerstrasse. [ ] motor vehicles

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[ ] which were parked near the gate, belonged to the army headquarters.

5. The Lieger Kaserne, Mohra, which is located in the midst of woods and fields, consists of 24 three-story barracks buildings, each with a capacity of 150 men, seven administrative and mess buildings, eight garages, one drill hall, one gymnasium, five wooden sheds, and two one-story wooden barracks buildings. The installation is surrounded by a board fence, two meters high. It quarters about 4,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, a few of them with tank and artillery insignia. Most of the troops had closely cropped hair. On 7 December, about 100 soldiers practiced forest fighting in the area south of the installation. They were armed with light and heavy machine guns. Only light activity was observed in the billeting area proper. Trucks

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[ ] left the installation, each carrying 20 to 25 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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6. On 1 December, the main entrance of the Luetzendorff Kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

7. On 21 December the troops in the Panzer Kaserne on Jonaerstrasse were estimated at 150 to 200 men. Only a few soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia were seen walking in the billeting area. Most of them were recruits.

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8. The Polizei Kaserne on Rosenthalstrasse was occupied by about 60 to 80 men. A motor vehicle salvage yard was observed in the rear of installation. [ ] the barracks installation housed a repair shop. A soldier wearing coveralls and an assessor car [ ] were seen in the barracks yard.

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9. On 21 December an AA gun emplacement with five AA guns was observed behind the gasworks. The same day [redacted] trucks [redacted] moved along Eitersburgerstrasse toward the Friedrich Engelsring, each towing an AA gun on a four-wheel trailer with pneumatic tires. They were followed by two other trucks loaded with furniture. The guns were of the same type as those emplaced at the gasworks. A new telephone line was strung from the emplacement to the Tannenbergs Kaserne and another to an observation post overlooking the fields on Schoenblick.

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\* [redacted] Comment. The information does not show any substantial change over the last report [redacted]

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\*\* [redacted] Comment.

The troops in the Panzer Kaserne possibly belonged to small elements of different units.

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